

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**January 6, 2004**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Porter.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

Mayor Baines stated I would like you to keep in your thoughts and prayers our servicemen and women who are going over seas. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers and their families and loved ones as well.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O’Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest

Rules of the Board first considered

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne it was voted to adopt the same rules as the previous Board but also adding and adopting a new Rule 16A regarding ordinances changing job class specifications which read as follows:

Rule 16A. (Ordinances Changing Job Class Specifications)  
Ordinances providing for changes in class specifications which do not change the title of a position and do not provide for any change in the salary grade of such position shall be reviewed by the committee on Human Resources. Upon approval by the Committee, the city Clerk shall submit such ordinances to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen where the question shall be on passing same to be Ordained without referral to committee or any other action by the Board.

Mayor Baines called for the nomination and election of a Chairman of the Board, term expiring January, 2004.

Alderman Smith nominated Alderman Daniel O’Neil for Chairman of the Board, term expiring January 2006.

Alderman Osborne nominated Alderman William Shea for Chairman of the Board, term expiring January 2006.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn it was voted to close nominations.

Mayor Baines called for the votes by roll.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the response will be for whomever you wish to vote.

Aldermen Roy, Sysyn, Porter, O'Neil, Garrity, and Smith cast their votes for Alderman O'Neil. Aldermen Gatsas, Guinta, Osborne, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Thibault and Forest cast their votes for Alderman Shea. Alderman Shea was duly elected Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity it was voted cast one unanimous ballot for Alderman Shea as Chairman of the Board.

Mayor Baines stated again I want to thank those who did respond to my request for Committee assignments. I did my best to honor requests when possible. As I said earlier, it is not possible to honor everyone's requests. I have done the best I can and I think I have made some good selections that are going to help move this City forward.

Mayor Baines presented Committee assignments with first named as Chair as follows:

**Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration:**

Aldermen Smith, Shea, Guinta, Osborne, Thibault

**Administration/Information Systems:**

Aldermen Forest, Lopez, Porter, Osborne, Gatsas

**Bills on Second Reading:**

Aldermen Lopez, O'Neil, Sysyn, DeVries, Roy

**Community Improvement:**

Aldermen O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Smith, Garrity

**Human Resources/Insurance:**

Aldermen Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Sysyn, Forest

**Lands and Buildings:**

Aldermen Thibault, Porter, Gatsas, Roy, Osborne

**Traffic/Public Safety:**

Aldermen Sysyn, O'Neil, Forest, Guinta, Smith

Mayor Baines advised that a motion was in order to appoint five members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to serve on the Committee on Joint School Building, stating that his recommendations were: Aldermen Roy, Garrity, DeVries, Thibault and Porter.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity it was voted to approve the Mayor's recommendations to the Committee on Joint School Buildings; the members being Aldermen Roy, Garrity, DeVries, Thibault and Porter.

Mayor Baines stated I am putting some nominations before you and I am going to ask on the first one that Ron Boisvert be the union representative to succeed Ira Royer, term to expire January 2007. I would ask for a motion to suspend the rules and approve the nomination.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault it was voted to suspend the rules and confirm the nomination of Ron Boisvert to the Elderly Services Commission, term to expire January 2007.

Mayor Baines nominated Jim Craig to succeed himself on the Board of Water Commissioners, term to expire January 2007. I would ask that you suspend the rules and approve.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Shea it was voted to suspend the rules and confirm the nomination of Jim Craig to the Board of Water Commissioners, term to expire January 2007.

Mayor Baines stated again I want to commend all of you and congratulate you on your election and your inauguration and I look forward to working with you over the next two years. I will work very closely with your Chairman, Alderman Shea. We are going to work well together and all cooperate to advance this City. We have made great progress in this City. As I said this morning just look around. Great things are happening all because we have had a spirit of cooperation and a can do spirit in the City. I wish you well and it is an honor to serve with you.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Roy it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk